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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to Psoriasis
Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 129, as introduced, Kehoe. Psoriasis Awareness Month.

This measure would designate August 2008 as Psoriasis Awareness
Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is a genetic disease of the immune system,
2 which requires steadfast treatment and lifelong attention, and
3 affects as many as 7.5 million Americans, including as many as
4 882,000 in California alone; and

5 WHEREAS, Psoriasis causes as much disability as other major
6 diseases, including cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease,
7 diabetes, and depression; and

8 WHEREAS, Anywhere from 10 (not starting with a number)
9 to 30 percent of people with psoriasis develop psoriatic arthritis,
10 a form of arthritis that causes pain, stiffness, and swelling in and
11 around the joints; and

12 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is associated with numerous comorbid
13 conditions including Crohn's disease, diabetes, metabolic
14 syndrome, obesity, hypertension, heart attack, cardiovascular
15 disease, and liver disease; and

1 WHEREAS, There are many myths and misconceptions about
2 psoriasis, which directly impact the quality of life of those with
3 the disease and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is commonly and incorrectly considered
5 a mere annoyance, a superficial problem mistakenly thought to be
6 contagious or due to poor hygiene; and

7 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is a chronic, life-altering, and often
8 debilitating condition for which there are limited effective, safe,
9 and affordable treatment options, and no cure; and

10 WHEREAS, We must recognize those in the forefront of raising
11 public awareness, increasing funding for research to find new
12 treatments, and ultimately finding a cure for psoriasis; and

13 WHEREAS, Through education and advocacy there is a hope
14 that one day, with everyone's help, a cure will be found; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates August
18 2008 as Psoriasis Awareness Month in California; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the National Psoriasis Foundation, and to the
21 author for appropriate distribution.